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SUBJECT: QUALITY CONTROL AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS ON FOOD
IMPORTS
REF: JIDDA 4990 (NOTAL) KUWAIT 4230

1. SEVERAL LARGE U.S. FOOD PROCESSORS RECENTLY CONTACTED
CAGNE ABOUT NEW FOOD LAWS THAT SAUDI ARABIA AND
KUWAIT HAVE EITHER PASSED OR BEGUN TO ENFORCE. PRINCIPAL
CONCERNS ARE THE NEED TO PRINT LABELING IN ARABIC AND TO
INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATE OF PRODUCTION AND SHELF
LIFE. LATTER INFORMATION IS OFTEN IMPRINTED IN CODE BY
THE CANNING COMPANIES AND SINCE EACH COMPANY HAS THEIR
OWN CODE, WHICH THEY FREQUENTLY CHANGE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO
PRINT SEPARATE LABELS.

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2. SEVERAL QUESTION HAVE ARISEN: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
PLACING THE LABEL ON THE CAN, THE PRODUCER OR THE AGENT
PURCHASING THE PRODUCT? IF IT IS THE AGENT, IS HE PERMIT-
TED TO GO INTO CUSTOMS AND AFIX THE LABEL ON EACH CAN OR
BOX BEFORE THE PRODUCT IS CLEARED BY CUSTOMS? IF SO IS
AGENT NORMALLY WILLING TO TAKE THAT STEP?

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSIES ATTEMPT ASCERTAIN ANSWERS TO NUMBER 2 AND KEEP CAGNE INFORMED OF STATUS FOOD LABELING NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE INFORMED ALL INQUIRERS THAT LOCAL AGENTS WILL HAVE TAKE INITIATIVE IN CONTACTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES RE ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE LAW BUT WOULD LIKE BE ABLE KEEP U.S. FIRMS INFORMED ON DETAILS. FOR ABU DHABI: U.S. FIRM INFORMED BY LOCAL AGENT THAT UAE HAS PROPOSED A FOOD LABELING LAW AND EVEN ANNOUNCED IT IN NEWSPAPER. ANY INFO MIGHT HAVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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